

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

JULY 18, 2017

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Gary Cameron answered roll call. Also present was City Attorney, Tracy Newhouse.

PUBLIC HEARING: Main Street Streetscape – Deb Lilly explained the public hearing is regarding the streetscape and pedestrian improvements through the Stellar program. A portion of the funding would be through a community block program. We are requesting \$574,908.00 from OCRA. \$371,505.00 of those funds will benefit low to moderate income persons. The City intends to contribute \$225,722.00 in local funds. Lilly asked for questions or comments. Councilman Smith asked if this was only for Main Street. Lilly said yes, that was the only area designated. Resident, Marcia Crowds questioned when applications were to be submitted. However, it was determined her question was regarding a different project on housing. Lilly said that project should be awarded sometime in September. Bridges moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: Gateway and Park Improvement – Lilly said this is also a Stellar project and includes gateway and park improvements to Riverside Park. The total Ocra funds proposed at this time is \$1,425,092.00. \$920,894.00 of those funds will benefit low to moderate income. No local funding is expected. No contracts have been awarded. Lilly asked for questions or comments. There were none. She said this includes the splash pad concept. Conner moved to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Smith moved to approve minutes of the July 3, 2017 meeting as presented. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Pavey reported the following:

1. The 2018 Community Crossings grant has been turned in. The 8th Street project was pulled from 2017 and placed on 2018 for a total reconstruction due to drainage. We are partnering with the County for culverts on Spencer Street Road. We also submitted for

1000 feet of entry to the new housing addition. Also included is the crossing north of the school campus, and LED stop signs for some of the downtown area.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Copley said she continues to work on the 2018 budget. Councilman Smith asked what the growth quotient was for 2018. Copley said she would email that information.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Council President Bridges said he received a phone call regarding the flag markings along Arthur Street. He said Vectren has put them in because they will be installing new gas lines. They moved it forward from 2018 to this year to try to complete the project before our paving begins in a few weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Stellar Designation** – Nothing new to report.
- **Amphitheater/Park Board** - Councilman Cameron said there will be a concert this Saturday. They are working on sound system upgrades.
- **Marketing** – Nothing to report.
- **APC/BZA** – Pavey said he met with a potential customer today. They will come back with a plan.
- **City Center** – Dan Rollins reported that they have sent a request for qualifications and received 1 back. The Board of Works gave approval to move forward with that firm. We have a pre-bid conference tomorrow. The bid date will be extended. It will come before the Board of Works at the August 15th meeting.
The ADA portion was pulled out due to notification from Ocra stating that this was not applicable to Ocra funding. The ADA portion will be bid out.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – We received the phase II contract from Indot and have sent it back.
- **Brownfield Grant** – Nothing to report.
- **ECDC** – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Street – Commissioner Miller passed out a report for June with the totals for trash and recycling. The recycling was up and the trash was down in June. The current rate for recycle is \$21.25.

Junior Leaders did a great job on cleaning up the West end park.

Miller also expressed his gratitude for the new chipper. He said it has had a good deal of use with last week's storm.

Park – Park Director Burklow said they are half way through with summer camp.

The Board of Works gave approval to hire 2 employees to replace the part time employees who will be going back to school.

The pool will be closing in approximately 2 weeks. Community day at the pool will be August 3 from 7:00-9:00.

The Junior Leaders did a good job yesterday cleaning up the amphitheater.

Fire – Chief Jenkins said there was a public hearing on the BEP July 11th. Twelve properties were advertised, but there is only funding for 9 properties. This will give 3 alternates. One property will be re-advertised due to a wrong address. That public hearing will be August 2nd at 10:00.

Jenkins said he attended a small aircraft school for remote piloting of unmanned aircraft.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: Smith said he has received some questions regarding Wilson Estates. One concern was the drainage along the railroad at Wilson Estates. Pavey said they continue working on the drainage. The resident said they have no sidewalks. Smith explained that is the property owner's sidewalk and therefore would be their responsibility. He suggested they look into the sidewalk program that the City offers. Councilman Cameron said he would check on sidewalks.

PLANNING & ZONING: Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Employee Policy Adjustments** – Pavey said we met today and thinks we about have things in order. We will schedule a meeting with the Utilities to give Les and update.
2. **Resolution and Assessment Agreement Coordination – Resolution 2017-12** – Cameron moved to approve Resolution 2017-12 with the attached assessment agreement and schedule. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution 2017-15 Amending Economic Development Area and Plans** – This will be up for discussion at the next meeting and will create new boundaries.
4. **Traffic Committee**
 - a. **Golf Cart Ordinance** - Mayor Pavey said he sent a marked up version of our ordinance and a copy of New Castle's ordinance. Since that time several others

have come out. He asked Council if they wanted to review them all or give them to the traffic committee. Council agreed to send them to the traffic committee.

b. **Parking issues** – Tom Painter who resided at 831 W 10th Street said a handicap sign was put up in front of his house today for his neighbor. He said he has parked in front of his house for 20 years and doesn't know why he can't continue. He said the neighbor has parking at the rear of his house. He said the landlord told the guy when he moved in that he would need to park in the back. The question was asked how we determine if they really need handicap parking. If the person has a handicap sticker then they may get a handicap sign for parking at their residence. After very lengthy discussion Cameron moved to table until the next meeting and ask the traffic committee to review the regulations. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2017-13 & 14 SB1 Emerson/Copeland Real Property** – Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-13 for the tax abatement on real estate for Emerson. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried. Berkemeier moved to approve Resolution 2017-14 for tax abatement for personal property for Emerson. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution 2017-11 Declaration of Slum and Blight** – The resolution covers both sides of Main from the bridge south of town to 4th Street. Bridges moved to approve Resolution 2017-11. Cameron seconded the motion. Motion carried.
3. **New Abatement Policy** – John McCane will put together a proposal packet and forward to Council for review.
4. **Campus Property Contract** – Pavey will send information to Council to review.

CLAIMS – Conner moved to approve the claims as presented. Bridges seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Mayor Pavey said he received a message from the youth campers. They are very grateful for the opportunity to come to Rushville. They said the hospitality they received was great.

Councilman Cameron said he attended a TIF seminar today. He will send the electronic version to Council if anyone is interested.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Conner moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.